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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING USE WTDR CHANNELS
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- 1. USDOC 6588 CONVEYED REQUEST FOR WTDR'S ON SEVERAL BERMUDA-CHARTERED "EXEMPTED" COMPANIES (FIRMS INCORPORATED HERE BUT DOING BUSINESS ELSEWHERE):APHRODITE CO. LTD., BOWSPRIT CO. LTD., FONTAS LTD., FOREL LTD., ONYX CO. LTD., AND THREE STAR NAVIGATION CO. LTD. THAT MESSAGE NOTED THAT WTDR'S ON THESE FIRMS WERE REQUESTED BY SCOTT ARMSTRONG OF THE WASHINGTON POST.
- 2. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT TWO OF THESE FIRMS (FONTAS LTD. AND BOWSPRIT CO. LTD.) ARE OWNED BY SOUTH KOREAN CITIZEN TONGSUN PARK. AS INDICATED REFTEL, THIS OFFICE IS PROCESSING THESE REQUESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, IMPLICATION IS THAT WASHINGTON POST EMPLOYEES ARE LIKELY USING WTDR PROCEDURE FOR INVESTIGATIVE, RATHER THAN COMMERCIAL, PURPOSES. WE WOULD WELCOME THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO PROCEED.
- 3. DEPARTMENT MAY SHARE SUCH PORTIONS OF FOREGOING WITH COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS IT SEEMS ADVISABLE.

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